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MEMORANDUM FOR: Legislative Counsel

FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Conversation with Senator Byrd, 1 June 1979 []

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25X1 1. Dr. Brzezinski, [] and I met with Senator Byrd on 1 June 1979. I presented the suggestion that we have all testimony on SALT verification to individuals or committees done under Senate Resolution 400, i.e., in the Senate Select Committee's spaces and with any transcripts or written materials made available only to the Senate Select Committee for further control and dissemination to individual Senators or committees. I also suggested that staff be limited to the Staff Directors of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and Senate Armed Services Committee, and with no individual Senators being allowed to bring staff. []

25X1 2. Senator Byrd expressed some question as to just what in Senate Resolution 400 we were trying to lean on. We were a little vague in responding. He further indicated he thought this would be very hard to do. I believe he was thinking in terms of the difficulty just in getting the Foreign Relations Committee to use the Select Committee's space. Beyond that, he expressed deep concern that there was any way to keep the lid on these secrets. Senator Byrd recommended that we get Senator Baker, Senator Church, Senator Stennis, Senator Bayh, and the Minority correspondents to Church, Bayh and Stennis, and have another meeting with Brzezinski, [] and myself. He will set this up. []

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25X1 3. Senator Byrd is spending a lot of personal time studying the Treaty and some related written materials. Brzezinski offered to have Mollander come up and talk to him about it. I would like to offer to Byrd's staff that I or [] come up and describe to him the strong points and the weak points from a verification point of view, and particularly how we gauge the likelihood of cheating. []

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